



*Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council*

## **Transportation Update**

### **January - March 2000**

The Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council (PDCTC) adopted the **2000-2001 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** on March 10, 2000. The UPWP details staff work activities for the coming program year. Major activities include update of the long-range transportation plan, a corridor management plan for Route 22 in the Harlem Valley, and preparation for the 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program. *Kealy Salomon (914) 486-3600.*

Do you know about **Commuter Choice**? The commuter choice program provides a way for employers to offer commute benefit options to its employees that encourage transportation choices other than solo-driving. The programs take advantage of recently passed tax incentives for transit, vanpooling, and parking benefits. Employees are eligible to receive up to \$240 per month tax-free to pay for commuting expenses--\$65 per month for transit and vanpool fares and/or up to \$175 per month for qualified parking - either in addition to or in lieu of existing compensation. *For more information contact MetroPool (203) 324-9252.*

Improve the Count. **Census 2000 is Here!** Each year the Federal Government distributes billions of dollars in grants according to census statistics. For us, this means that for every person not counted in the census, we lose an estimated \$450 per year in federal and state funds. Of course you have already filled out your form, but you can also help by encouraging others to fill out theirs, too. *Lynette Thorne (914) 486-3600.*

**Want to Make Your Community More Pedestrian Friendly?** The New York State association of County Health Officials is sponsoring a satellite video conference featuring Dan Burden discussing the creation of walkable communities on **Thursday, April 20, 2000 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.** In Dutchess County the program will be offered at the BOCES Beta site. *For more information contact Aisha Philips, DC BOCES at (914) 486-3421.*

**Recreational Trail Program Grant Application.** The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is pleased to provide approximately \$1,000,000 for grants from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). This annual program aims to provide funds to maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized trail use. *For more information contact Ron Rader of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission at (914) 889-4100.*

Millennium Trails program announces that **Community Trails Applications are now available on-line** at [www.millenniumtrails.org](http://www.millenniumtrails.org). Millennium Trails is a national initiative to recognize, promote and support trails that preserve open spaces, interpret history and culture, and enhance recreation and tourism. Nominate your favorite trail for this program.

Looking for more **Pedestrian Resource Information?** Check out these websites for more information: National Bicycle and Pedestrian Clearinghouse [www.bikefed.org/clear.htm](http://www.bikefed.org/clear.htm); Partnership for a Walkable America [www.nsc.org/walkable.htm](http://www.nsc.org/walkable.htm); Millennium Trails at [www.millenniumtrails.org](http://www.millenniumtrails.org); and the Pedestrian Information Center at [www.walkinginfo.org](http://www.walkinginfo.org).  
*Eoin Wrafter (914) 486-3600.*

**ProBike/ProWalk 2000 Conference** planning is under way. The National Center for Bicycling and Walking has scheduled its annual conference for November 5-9, 2000 in Philadelphia. *For more information visit [www.bikefed.org](http://www.bikefed.org) or call (202) 463-6622.*

The first round of **TEA-21 Transportation Enhancements** projects were announced in March. Three projects in the PDCTC region received a total of \$781,200 in federal funding. The projects include \$550,000 for the purchase of development rights for the Shenandoah Farm in East Fishkill, \$179,200 for the Town of Lloyd to connect the Hudson Valley Rail Trail to the Mid-Hudson Bridge walkway, and \$52,000 for the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle path along Matteawan Road in the City of Beacon. *Eoin Wrafter (914) 486-3600.*

**Comings and Goings.** The PDCTC welcomes three new members to the Policy and Technical Committees. **Mayor Raymond Belding** (Village of Wappingers Falls), **Supervisor Yancy McArthur** (Town of Hyde Park), and **Supervisor William Dowden** (Town of Rhinebeck). Thank you and goodbye (for now) to three members who have served the Transportation Council over the past several years: **Supervisor Thomas Kelly** (Town of Stanford), **Supervisor George Wade III** (Town of LaGrange), and **Mayor James Miccio** (Village of Fishkill).

**Staff Notes.** **Sandra Karge** has joined the NYSDOT-Region 8 MPO Unit as a Transportation Analyst and will be working with Jean Shanahan and Mary Reilly ... **Eoin Wrafter** has been promoted to Senior Planner in the Dutchess County Planning & Development Department ... Dutchess County is currently **recruiting for a new Planner** for its Transportation

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